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1. HARTMAN VISIT: MOSTLY STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS PLAY GIVEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT IN JAN. 26 AND 27 MEDIA. JAN. 27 NEWSPAPERS EMPHASIZE HARTMAN'S CALLS ON PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO, QUOTING HARTMAN AS SAYING DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND ANGOLA. NO COMMENTARIES HAVE APPEARED AS YET, BUT LEFTIST "DIARIO POPULAR" OF JAN. 26 SAID, "OBSERVERS INSIST ON RELATING HARTMAN'S PRESENCE TO THE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA...."

2. ANGOLA: JAN. 27 PRESS PICKED UP WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS ON HOUSE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CUT-OFF OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA FACTIONS. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ARTICLE CARRIED QUOTE BY REPRESENTATIVE BURTON THAT ANGOLA MEANT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. FOR CU/WE: MARIO SOARES' VISIT TO U.S. CONTINUED TO DRAW HEAVY PRESS PLAY. ARTICLES IN JAN. 26 AND 27 PRESS SAID SOARES STATED THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER HAD DISAPPEARED IN PORTUGAL, THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH KISSINGER AND DISCUSS U.S. ECONOMIC AID, AND THAT HE HAD APPEALED FOR THE

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VOTE OF PORTUGUESE CITIZENS LIVING IN THE U.S.

4. CIA: LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" OF JAN. 26 PUBLISHED LONG
REHASH OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES
IN PORTUGAL BY AGEE AND ALSO CITING ARTICLES BY TAD SZULC
AND DANIEL SCHECHTER. ARTICLE SAID THRUST OF CIA ACTIVITIES
IN PORTUGAL WAS TO PREVENT COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN THE
GOVERNMENT AND, SPECIFICALLY, TO ASSIST THE NON-COMMUNISTS.
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